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\$20,000; Esther Young Chapel to the M. E. Church; a large donation to Cornell (Mt. Vernon) College; and a bell for the M. E. Church, Lyons. He enjoyed the highest respect and confidence of the community in which he lived. The death of such a man is a great public loss; but his good works will survive for many generations.

JOSEPH K. HORNISH, a long-time resident of Keokuk, died on the 25th of March, at Layton, Colorado. We compile the following facts relating to the pioneer life of Mr. Hornish from Dr. J. M. Shaffer's sketch of him in *The Keokuk Gate City*: He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania in 1821. He was educated for the ministry, and in 1848 was ordained pastor of a Baptist church at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. From there he was called to South Pittsburg where he preached until his voice failed, when he came west, settling at Keokuk in October, 1850. He became a prominent lawyer, taking an active part in the organization of various railroad enterprises in that part of the State. He was a war Democrat, and in 1864 was the candidate of his party for Congress against the late James F. Wilson. In 1874 he began to give his time to literary pursuits, writing much on Egyptology. The great pyramids were to him a divine system of mathematics, which he delighted to demonstrate in lectures. He removed to Colorado several years ago.

FRANCIS GUITTAR, the oldest resident of Council Bluffs, died there on the 25th of April. He was born in St. Louis in 1809. He entered the service of the old American Fur Company at the age of 14, continuing in that work until 1850, when he engaged in merchandising on his own account in Council Bluffs. When he first visited that locality, it was known as Trader's Point and afterwards as Kanesville. He was there when the Indian Agency was established in 1838, and during the days of the Mormon occupation. It is stated that he was the especial friend of the Pawnee Indians, whom he once led in a battle with the Sioux, at which time he was wounded. He saw the growth of Council Bluffs from the time it contained but one or two log cabins and a few tents, until the time of his death.

HARRIET W. BRANDT, a native of the State of Ohio, wife of Hon. Isaac Brandt of Des Moines, died at her home on the 29th of March, aged 67. On the 1st of November, 1849, she married Isaac Brandt, a neighbor and schoolmate from childhood. In 1857 they settled in Des Moines and made their home on the corner of Twelfth Street and Grand Avenue, but one block from the State House. There they lived up to the time of Mrs. Brandt's death. Her life was filled with good works, and she enjoyed the sincere respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt, entertained John Brown and his men, when they were on their way from Kansas to the east.

MRS. ELIZABETH ZHORN, died May 3, in Iowa City, aged 90 years and 11 months. She was one of the pioneers of Johnson county, where she settled in 1839, and where her son, J. G. Zhorn, well known in newspaper circles throughout the state, was born. He was one of the first white children born in the county. Her husband, James Zhorn, assisted in laying the corner stone of the old capitol, now the central building of the State University, July 4, 1839. Mrs. Zhorn retained her health and vigor until five years ago. An attack of the grip left her in a low condition of health from which she never recovered.

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